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Several calls to Rod

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to print pict.

Hazor

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The large mound of Tell el-Kedah, in Israel, 14 km (9 mi) north of the Sea of Galilee, is the site of Hazor, a major Canaanite city. Hazor was the largest city in the region during the Middle Bronze Age. It was destroyed by the Israelites in the 13th century BC. Hazor was a major center of Canaanite culture and was the site of many important archaeological finds.

Hazor reached its peak during the 14th century BC when several temples were built. In the 13th century BC, Hazor was destroyed by the Israelites. Among other finds was much Mycenaean pottery, as well as Egyptian scarabs, jewelry, and statuettes. During the reign of King Solomon, Hazor, the Megiddo and Gezer, became a key strategic city; a massive wall was erected with a four-ported gateway, and a monumental rock-cut water system was installed underground. Hazor's occupation continued until the city was destroyed 722 BC by Tiglath-Pileser III of Assyria.

In 1928, John Garstang made trial excavations at the site; from 1955 to 1958 and again from 1968 to 1970, full scale work was undertaken by Yigael Yadin of Hebrew University.

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